

Campaign for the Abolition of Torture

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URGENT ACTION

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ARGENTINA: FIVE URUGUAYANS DISAPPEAR

- Ary CABRERA, 21-year-old former member of the bank employees trade union in Uruguay. Married, 2 sons. He was living in Buenos Aires, where he disappeared on April 5, 1976.

- Mauricio GATTI, 36-year-old well-known painter and writer. Married, 1 child. Disappeared in Buenos Aires on April 12, 1976.

Other Uruguayans have disappeared in Argentina recently, as well as Chileans and Brazilians. There is great concern that they may have been held by paramilitary groups.

- Ricardo GIL (28-year-old professor of Economics, worked with the United Nations); Elia ALVAREZ (married, mother of 1 child) and Luis FERREIRA (27-year-old worker and former trade unionist in Uruguay): they left Montevideo on March 28, 1976 to go to Buenos Aires, but never arrived.

The alarming reports of violent activities by rightwing squads - which have frequently singled out de facto refugees from other Latin American countries for harassment and assassination - plus increasing evidence of police collaboration between security agencies of Argentina and neighboring countries, warrant immediate appeals to urge for protection for these persons' lives.

Action recommended: telegrams/express letters requesting the authorities to take immediate steps in order to establish the whereabouts of these five Uruguayan citizens who disappeared in Argentine territory or en route to Argentina. Refer to recent assurances by the Argentine authorities that foreigners' rights will be protected and request their intervention in order to secure these persons' safety.

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